

Iron River Lions Club Regular Meeting Minutes  
September 2, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Faith Pittsley and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to our country.

**In attendance:**

Dick Berge, Jane Bragiel, Ed Brunner, Linda Brunner, Donna Callahan, Ted Callahan, Jim Duclon, Judy Ford, Kent Getty, Jon Hamilton, Lisa Hyde, Jeanne Joseph, John Joseph, Ray Kangas, Dan Kulig, Mary Kulig, Debbie Landgreen, Tim Landgreen, Jan Lee, Ray Levine, Anne Madison, Rozie Maki, Reen Modeen, Tony Mullozzi, Willard Ogren, Chris Olson, Jim Olson, Nan Olson, Gerald Peck, Ernie Pittsley, Faith Pittsley, Howard Prell, Lona Schmidt, Jim Sloane, Madge Sloane, Guy Suo, Kathy Suo, William Trautt, Ken Watters, Robin Weishoff, John Weiss, Karen Wicklund

**Excused:** Fred Baue, Wendy Biggerstaff, Carol Evens, Leroy Forslund, Roger Gustafson, Sally Gustafson, David Hultman, Linda Hultman, Marie Larson, Tom Madison, Rick Nelson, Shelly Olson, Julie Peck

**Guests:** Helen Power, Kristine Levine

**Secretary Report:** Anne Madison

- Motion by Jon Hamilton/Jim Sloane to approve the secretary's report from the meeting. Motion carried.

**Treasurer Report:** Nan Olson

- The treasurer presented July and August reconciliation detail reports.
- Presented a Blueberry Fest report. Preliminary \$20,672 net as of this date with more bills to be received and paid. Sponsors have all paid. Queen candidates and members sold a lot of raffle tickets. Great job!
- Porta-potties and waste disposal cost a lot of money. We need to check into options next year.
- Handed out checks for the parade winners to those who will see that they receive the money.
- The town approved paying half of the concrete and half of the boards for the pavilion.
- Motion by Lona Schmidt/John Joseph that the report be filled for audit.

**President's Report**

- Correspondence: We received an invitation to the Rhinelander Lions Club Anniversary. Anne Madison will forward the invitation by e-mail.
- Board Meeting Date: September 22 – 6:00 p.m. at VFW
- 50/50 Reminder: Purchase your tickets. The winner will be drawn at the end of the meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

- Ramp: Jean Joseph – The Poplar American Legion is contributing \$1,500 for materials. The ramp will be built in September. Jean is asking for help to provide lunch. Let her know if you are able to assist.
- Special Projects: No report

- Membership: Jim Sloane
  - He will be contacting those who agreed to help for a meeting in early October.
- Diabetes/Wellness: Faith Pittsley
  - Healthy Living at Brule Presbyterian from 9:30- noon. The class is free and goes for six weeks. Contact Faith if you wish to attend.
- Sunshine:
  - Reported Carol Evens had knee surgery. Marie Larson will have surgery soon.
- Vision: Anne Madison and Madge Sloane
  - Plans are in the works to assist with vision screening at the Iron River Elementary School. We will be contacting the day care to see if we can be of assistance there, too.
- Web Site: There were 35,000 hits on the search and 5,000 visits to our Web site last month.
- Environmental Services: Highway cleanup: Saturday, October 17, 10:00 a.m. Meet at Stephens Road. Bring gloves, tick repellent, and bug spray.

#### **Old Business:**

- October meeting installation of officers and new members who weren't installed. Invite new members and bring them to the attention of membership committee.
- Reminder: We are still collecting glossy paper and computer print paper. Bring them to the meeting. We also collect eyeglasses, hearing aids, and cell phones.
- Appreciation Picnic: About 30 in attendance. Discussed ideas for next year – order pizza at our August meeting. The idea was well received.
- Golf Scramble: September 12
  - Jean Joseph - Read a letter from Marie Larson regarding a second scholarship. She would like one of the scholarships to go to someone attending a vocational/technical college. The minimum of the second scholarship should be \$500. The Iron River Foundation will take this under advisement.
  - Ed Brunner - 17 teams signed up with possibility of two more teams. Gathering door prizes. Work areas are covered. Help with the raffle is needed during lunch time. More help with cleanup is needed. Need one more person to help set up at 7:00 a.m.
  - Food: Planning for about 100 people. Members have signed up to donate/bring food. Additional financial donations are needed for the meat, buns, plates, etc.

#### **New Business:**

- Awards: Faith asked the members if they wish to receive the attendance pins. By show of hands, the membership in attendance voted that no pins/awards are necessary. Patches for officers will be ordered as needed.
- Budget Committee – Monday, September 21 at Nan Olson's home 5:30 p.m.
- Nomination of Officers:
  - Two of the three directors are nominated. Lona Schmidt volunteered to the third.
  - Co-Vice President/Co-President is needed yet. Kim Hamilton will stay on as Vice President, but desires not to take up the presidency. Let Chris Olson know.

- Veteran's Appreciation Event (4th year): Ray Kangas
  - October 31 at the community center at 10 a.m.; 11:00 a.m. program; Noon meal. Suggested donation for adults \$10, kids free. Planning on grade school students presenting patriotic tunes. Ray Levine will be performing with a possible dance. Food – hot dogs, brats, etc Lions will be asked to help with desserts. More details to come. Help is needed to set up, serve food, and cleanup. Proceeds to go to the Veteran Memorial Park.

Motion by to adjourn regular meeting by Ted Callahan/Jean Joseph at 7:58 p.m. and convene Blueberry Fest Meeting.

### **Iron River Lions Club Blueberry Festival Meeting**

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The meeting was called to order by President Faith Pittsley at 7:58 p.m.

**Comment sheets received:** The three top comments were beer too expensive, fireworks on Saturday night, and Lions Grill food was great!

**Entertainment and Advertising:**

- Meeting Tuesday, September 15, at 3:00 p.m. at the Winery followed by an advertising meeting. These committees will consider the entertainment budget and entertainment.

Committee leaders please give Faith a report for your area soon.

Nan shared the grills were counted as capital items; therefore, not showing up on the BB Fest report. Weather insurance was insured for \$10,000 at cost of \$1,500 budgeted as administrative cost. Discussion regarding this by members. She is looking into this further to find the appropriate way to handle the funds.

A draft of the thank you for the Connection was sent around for members to add any other names.

OK'd fire department to use the tables next weekend.

Next Year's Blueberry Fest: July 23 & 24

50/50 Drawing: Winner Lona Schmidt.

October 24 Lions are invited to Ray and Kristine's wedding celebration at the golf course beginning at 6 p.m. Meal and dancing.

Motion to adjourn by Willard Ogren/Kathy Suo. Motion adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Madison, Secretary